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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: INFORMATION - WORKING CONDITIONS FOR  
JOURNALISTS

REF: (A) STATE 79988; (B) GENEVA 1911

1. AFTER INFORMING SOVIETS AND NATO CAUCUS IN ADVANCE OF  
OUR INSTRUCTIONS ON PARA 5 OF JOURNALIST TEXT (REFTEL A),  
US, UK AND FRG HELD INFORMAL MEETING APRIL 11 WITH USSR,  
POLAND AND BULGARIA TO DISCUSS TEXT. SINCE SUBSTANTIVE  
POSITIONS APPARENTLY HAD NOT CHANGED MEETING WAS DEVOTED  
MAINLY TO DISCUSSING POSSIBLE REARRANGEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
PHRASEOLOGY.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING UK SUGGESTED THAT PARTICI-  
PANTS REFLECT ON TEXT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: BEGIN TEXT:  
TO EASE AND EXPEDITE, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, THE  
PROCEDURES FOR ARRANGING TRAVEL FOR PERMANENTLY OR TEMPOR-  
ARILY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS, AND THEREBY TO FACILITATE  
WIDER TRAVEL BY THEM IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY ARE  
EXERCISING THEIR PROFESSION, SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE  
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OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF AREAS CLOSED

FOR SECURITY REASONS; END TEXT.

3. SOVIETS SEEMED TO PREFER THIS ARRANGEMENT OF THE TEXT TO THAT OF THE LATEST NATO DRAFT, (REFTEL B) BUT INSISTED CATEGORICALLY THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT INCLUSION OF WIDER TRAVEL CONCEPT. THEY SEEMED LESS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO QUOTE EXPEDITE UNQUOTE, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD SATISFY REQUIREMENT FOR REFERENCE TO TIME FACTOR. (SEPARATE QUESTION OF TECHNICAL STAFF, COMMON TO SEVERAL PROVISIONS, WAS NOT DISCUSSED.)

4. UK DEL HAS CONCLUDED THAT INTRODUCTION OF "WIDER" IS NOT POSSIBLE, AND IS APPARENTLY PREPARED TO DROP THIS, PROVIDED SOME REFERENCE TO TIME FACTOR, SUCH AS WORD "EXPEDITE" IS REFLECTED IN FINAL TEXT. UK REASONS THAT PHRASE "FACILITATE TRAVEL" WOULD INCLUDE CONCEPT OF WIDER TRAVEL. FRG AND FRENCH, FOR THEIR PART ARE NOT HAPPY WITH MENTION OF PROCEDURES, WHICH THEY BELIEVE CAN BE INTERPRETED AS RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMACY OF PROCEDURES. THUS FRENCH HAVE SUGGESTED DROPPING REFERENCE TO TIME FACTOR, WHICH THEY THINK CAN ONLY REFER TO PROCEDURES.

5. FOLLOWING LATEST MEETING WE BELIEVE SOME REFERENCE TO TIME FACTOR WILL BE EASIER TO OBTAIN THAN SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO WIDER TRAVEL. WITH REFERENCE TO FRG/FRENCH VIEWS CITED ABOVE, WE CONSIDER THAT MENTION OF PROCEDURES WILL BE MORE MEANINGFUL TO MOSCOW-BASED JOURNALISTS THAN ABSTRACT TEXT ON TRAVEL IN GENERAL. AT NEXT MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WE WOULD PLAN TO PRESS FOR REFERENCE TO TIME FACTOR AND TRY ALTERNATIVE WORDS TO REFLECT CONCEPT OF WIDER TRAVEL -- SUCH AS "INCREASED SCOPE" OR "WIDER OPPORTUNITIES" FOR TRAVEL.

6. IF DEPT HAS FURTHER GUIDANCE, WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 15 FOR NEXT INFORMAL MEETING SCHEDULED THAT DAY.ABRAMS

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